



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

Bay City, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Bay City was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Bay City (population 36,817) is a port city in eastern Michigan with access to Lake Huron via Saginaw Bay. In its early years, the city flourished as a lumber processing center, and later, the city's economy was based on automobile component manufacturing, heavy machine operations, and shipbuilding. The decline of the city's industrial facilities in recent years has resulted in numerous vacant industrial sites adjacent to the riverfront. Bay City has a median household income 31 percent below the state average. The city recently purchased 48 contiguous acres of downtown waterfront property and is preparing a plan for constructing a mixed-use development known as Uptown at RiversEdge. Significant cleanup activities



Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Bay City for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up petroleum contamination at the Labadie property, which is one of the properties that the city intends to redevelop as part of the Uptown at RiversEdge waterfront redevelopment project. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach and health monitoring.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Bay City has received brownfields funding for an assessment grant.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

will be necessary to prepare the Labadie property for redevelopment. The site is contaminated with petroleum products from its historical use as an automobile body shop. The city hopes that the Uptown at RiversEdge complex will create jobs, attract visitors to the city's riverfront, and spur reinvestment in a blighted neighborhood.